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Latest News

EPA Broadens Asbestos SNUR But Still Faces Criticism Over Lack Of Ban

EPA has expanded the number of renewed asbestos uses for which manufacturers would have to seek agency approval though its final significant new use rule (SNUR), issued under the revised Toxic Substances Control Act

(TSCA), still falls short of calls from some states and environmentalists for even broader restrictions or a total ban.

Former Officials Warn EPA Lacks Legal Power To Scrap MATS Finding

Former EPA officials, including several who helped craft the Obama-era mercury and air toxics standards (MATS), are warning the Trump administration that it lacks legal authority for its proposal to scrap the cost-benefit finding underpinning the MATS rule, unless it pursues a major new cost review that the agency has so far avoided.

Advisers Debate Role In Helping EPA Boost Stormwater Funding Availability

EPA financial advisers have agreed to serve as a congressionally mandated panel to give the agency advice on stormwater infrastructure funding, though some of the advisers are raising concerns about their ability to provide independent advice when EPA will use the group's recommendations in an upcoming report to Congress.

EPA Advisers Urge Creation Of Stormwater-Specific Infrastructure Funding

An EPA advisory board is urging the agency to create a new stormwater infrastructure financing program, either through a stand-alone mechanism or the expansion of existing EPA funding programs, after the agency sought recommendations on how to fund projects that allow water utilities to be more resilient to natural disasters.

Resisting EPA, DOD Chief Defends Eased PFAS Groundwater Cleanup Level

Acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan is strongly defending his department's stance that the acceptable risk level for remediating groundwater contaminated with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) should be much weaker than the 70 parts-per-trillion (ppt) level that EPA favors, raising doubts that officials will be able to quickly issue a long-promised policy.

Court Enters EPA Pact With Aftermarket Parts Firm But Harley Pact Pending

A federal district court has entered a contested consent decree between EPA and an aftermarket parts maker that environmentalists had argued was too weak, even as the Justice Department awaits court approval on a similar, long-pending pact with Harley Davidson that has also drawn state and environmentalist opposition.

Daily Feed

Sen. Udall seeks EPA plan for increasing staffing

As EPA moves to reorganize its regional offices, Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM) is requesting that the Trump administration move to bolster staffing and enforcement.

EPA finalizes rule easing compliance with incinerator air standards

A final EPA rule easing some compliance requirements with incinerator air toxics rule is unlikely to draw legal challenges, as no environmental groups filed adverse comments on the proposed version.

EPA sends proposed perchlorate goal to OMB

EPA faces an April 30 court deadline to propose its drinking water goal, which will eventually be used to determine an enforceable standard.

Ewire: Inslee calls for 2020 Democratic climate debate

In today's Ewire: The Washington state governor argues that climate policy "can't be a one-off question where candidates get to give a soundbite and move on."

Midwest states meet to discuss regional climate strategies

The meeting included officials from Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin, and it “may lead to continued cooperation moving forward.”

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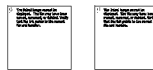
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